

Civil and Safe in Seattle

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If you observe a dangerous situation or feel unsafe, call **911**. Use the Seattle Police Department Non-Emergency Line: (206) 625-5011 or situation-specific contact information to report non-urgent concerns.

Misdemeanors

Punishable by jail and/or a fine; must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt

Assault SMC 12A.06.010 (intentional assault causing great bodily harm): **911**

Criminal trespass SMC 12A.08.040 (entering or remaining on property or in building without the owner's permission)
Report Trespassing (SPD): (206) 386-1850

To request support services for a person in need, contact Union Gospel Mission Search & Rescue: (206) 723-0767 edrake@ugm.org
Union Gospel Morning Watch: (206) 498-7913 morningwatch@ugm.org

Disorderly conduct on buses or at transit facilities SMC 12A.12.040
King County Sheriff's Metro Transit Police: (206) 684-2762

Fighting SMC 12A.06.025 (fighting in a public place that creates a substantial risk of injury to an uninvolved person or property damage) **911**

Graffiti/property destruction SMC 12A.08.020 (intentionally damaging another's property, including by writing or painting)
Graffiti Hotline: (206) 684-7587

Indecent Exposure SMC 12A.10.130 (intentionally making "any open and obscene exposure of his or her person or the person of another knowing that such conduct is likely to cause reasonable affront or alarm"): **911** if emergency or (206) 625-0511 to file a non-emergency report

Obstructing a public officer SMC 12A.16.010 (intentionally and physically interfering with a public officer): **911**

Pedestrian interference SMC 12A.12.015 (aggressive, intimidating begging; blocking pedestrian or vehicle traffic on a sidewalk or street):
(206) 625-5011

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Civil Infractions

Punishable by a monetary penalty; if contested, must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. Chronic failure to respond to civil infractions that negatively impacts community and is not resolvable with outreach can lead to criminal failure to respond charges

Camping in parks SMC 18.12.250 (includes either remaining overnight or erecting a tent or other shelter, exemptions for permitted events)
Ranger Response Line: (206) 615-0387

Drinking in public SMC 12A.24.025 (and/or) **Possession of opened or unopened liquor in a park** SMC 18.12.257 (unless with a permit or in original packaging with receipt and being transported through the park)
SPD: 206-625-5011 or Ranger Response Line: (206) 615-0387

Littering in parks SMC 18.12.260 Ranger Response Line: (206) 615-0387

Open use of marijuana forthcoming SMC provision (must be in view of general public)

Sitting or lying down on a public sidewalk between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm between Puget Sound, S. Jackson, I-5, and Denny Way/Broad St.
SMC 15.48.040 (**does not apply in parks**; contact SPD non-emergency line: (206) 625-5011 OR Union Gospel Search & Rescue: (206) 723-0767
Morning Watch: (206) 498-7913

Pet-related infractions Animal Control: (206) 386-7387

At-large dogs SMC 9.25.084.A (requires a maximum 8-foot leash except in dog parks or on private property)

Tethered dogs SMC 9.25.084.F (prohibits tethering a dog to a fixed object where it can enter a sidewalk, street, or other public place)

Failure to remove dog feces on public property or another's private property SMC 9.25.082.B

Urinating or defecating in public SMC 12A.10.100 SPD: (206) 625-5011

Skateboard, roller-skating, or using coasters in Westlake Park
SMC 18.16.150 (**applies only to Westlake Park**) Seattle Police Department non-emergency line: (206) 625-5011

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Important & Useful Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles on Public Property: (206) 684-8763

Abandoned Vehicles on Private Property: (206) 684-7899

Seattle Animal Control: (206) 386-7387

Graffiti Hotline: (206) 684-7587

Seattle City Light Outage Hotline: (206) 684-7400

Water, Sewer, Drainage Emergency: (206) 386-1800

Street Repair or Potholes: (206) 684-ROAD or download the "Find It, Fix It" app!

Streetlight Outage: (206) 684-7056, press 1 (record the 7- or 4-digit pole number)

Parks Code of Conduct (Administrative Rules; applies only in parks)

Violations lead to a warning about the rules; once a person has been warned, subsequent violations can lead to criminal trespass charges

General Parks Information: (206) 684-4075

Ranger Response Line: (206) 615-0387

Email: park.rangers@seattle.gov

Any violation of state or local law, including the Parks Code (SMC Ch. 18.12) is a violation of the Code of Conduct

Conduct that unreasonably deprives others of their use or enjoyment of the park or park facility (3.2.2)

Smoking or other tobacco use within 25 feet of other park patrons (3.2.10)

Leaving packages or other items unattended (3.2.12)



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Seattle Police Department

Emergency: **911**

Non-Emergency: (206) 625-5011

West Precinct Front Desk: (206) 684-8917

West Precinct Property Crime/Pawn: (206) 684-5730

West Precinct Community Policing Team: (206) 684-8996
For chronic, on-going problems that have not been resolved, call **911**

West/East Precinct Liaison Attorney David M. Lavelle: (206) 386-4084
david.lavelle@seattle.gov

West/East Precinct Crime Prevention Terrie Johnston: (206) 233-0015
terrie.johnston@seattle.gov

East Precinct Front Desk (Staffed 24/7): (206) 684-4300

East Liaison Attorney Beth Gappert: (206) 684-4375
beth.gappert@seattle.gov

East Precinct Burglary/Theft and Juvenile: (206) 684-5733

East Precinct Community Policing Team: (206) 684-4370

Union Gospel Mission Search & Rescue/Morning Watch

Search and Rescue: (206) 723-0767 edrake@ugm.org

Morning Watch: (206) 498-7913 morningwatch@ugm.org

Metropolitan Improvement District: (206) 441-3303

King County Sheriff's Metro Transit Police: (206) 684-2762

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